

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite picture generating method is provided which superimposes an arbitrary image with a natural motion over a moving picture and allows the user to easily specify the position on the moving picture of the image to be superimposed. A moving picture over which an image is to be superimposed is selected and played on a display. The moving picture is temporarily stopped where the image is to be superimposed over the moving picture. The image is drawn and superimposed over the moving picture. When the image is determined, the playback of the moving picture is resumed as in a slow mode. As the moving picture is played, the locus of motion of the image is specified on the moving picture by using a pointing device or the like. The synthesizing of the image is performed by superimposing the image over the moving picture being played at the positions corresponding to the specified locus.

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